

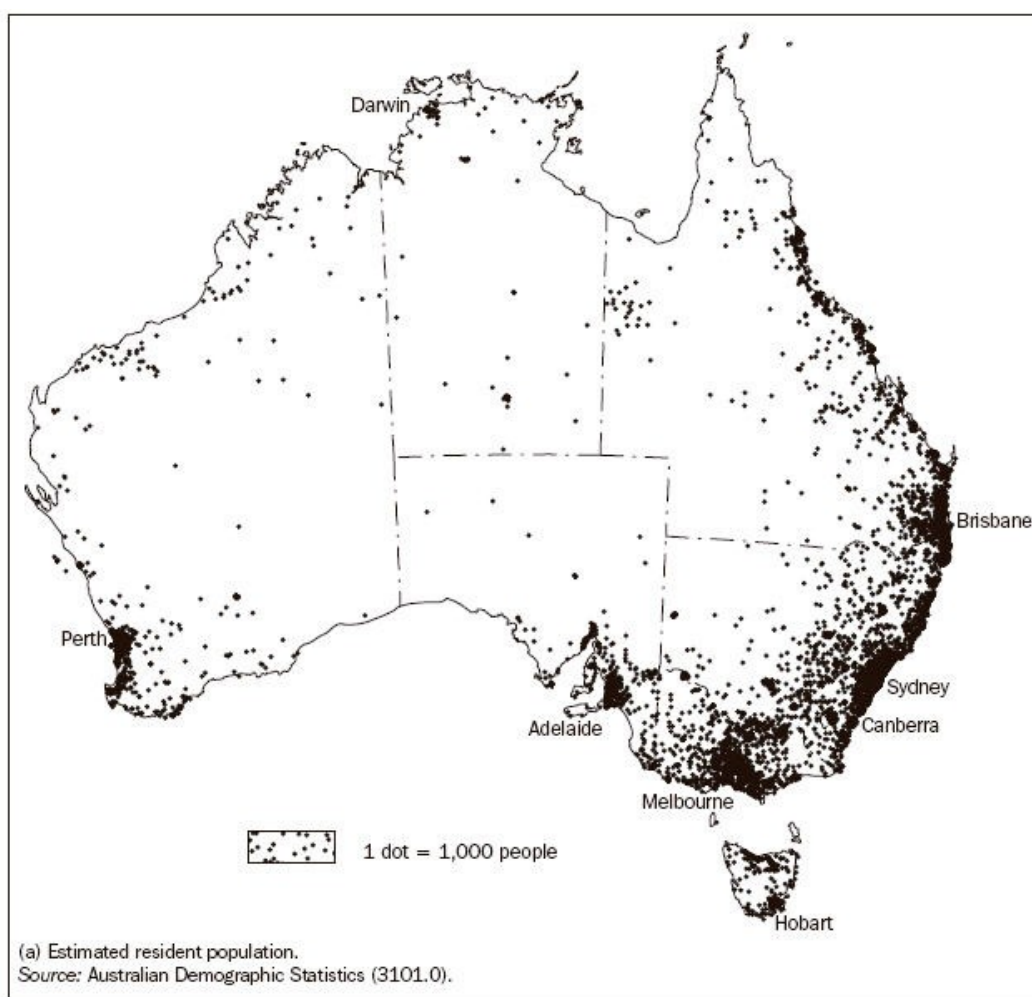


## Representing, Describing and Explaining Population Distribution

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### 2. Representing Population Distribution on a Map

FIGURE 1: DOT MAP TO SHOW THE DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION IN AUSTRALIA



Source: Year Book Australia, 2008, (cat. No. 1301.0)

- Study the dot map showing the distribution of population in Australia Figure 1. Identify one advantage and one disadvantage of using dots to represent the population distribution and write these in the table below.

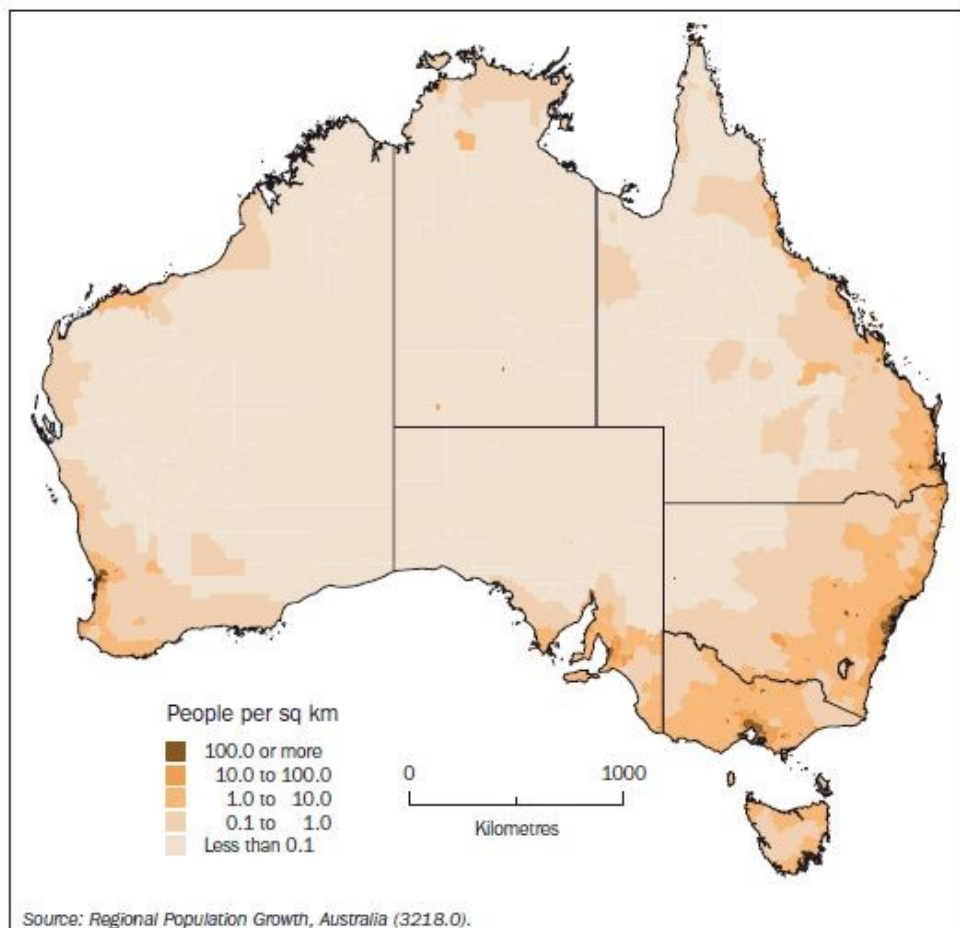
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| Advantage | Disadvantage |
|-----------|--------------|
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**FIGURE 2: CHOROPLETH MAP TO SHOW THE DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION IN AUSTRALIA.**



Source: Year Book Australia, 2009-2010, (cat. No. 1301.0)



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- b) Figure 2 is a choropleth map. It uses graded shading in one colour to show the distribution of population in Australia. Identify one advantage and one disadvantage of representing the distribution of population in this way and write these in the table below.

| Advantage | Disadvantage |
|-----------|--------------|
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- c. Which of the two methods of representing population distribution do you prefer and why?

### 3. Describing the Distribution of Population

Describe the distribution of population in Australia in the space below using either of the two maps provided. Your teacher may provide some words to help you.

### 4. Explaining the Distribution of Population.

Use the space below to brainstorm the factors which affect the population distribution in Australia.

Compare your brainstorm to that of other students and add factors which you may have missed.



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### 5. Classifying the factors that explain Population Distribution

- a) Classify the factors that you identified above under the appropriate heading in the table below.

| Social | Historical | Environmental | Economic | Political |
|--------|------------|---------------|----------|-----------|
|        |            |               |          |           |

- b) Choose one factor and explain with reference to Australia how it affects population distribution, providing examples of places where necessary.



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